HAP CHECK NEWS AUGUST 2018



HOUSING AUTHORITY of the City of Long Beach

Are You Participating in HIP?



We are well underway with the implementation of our Homeless Incentive Program (HIP).* We encourage all owners to give it a try. You are invited to our next Owner Orientation, so we can tell you all about the financial incentives to owners who are willing to partner with us to combat the homeless epidemic in Long Beach.

Tuesday, August 21, 2018 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. The Housing Authority of the City of Long Beach 521 E. 4th Street

Please RSVP with Kari Faithful at kari.faithful@longbeach.gov or (562) 570-6033.

*HIP offers monetary incentives to owners who are willing to rent their units to homeless families. Incentives include **Holding Fees** to hold a unit vacant while homeless referrals are being vetted by the owner; Payment of Rental Application Fees (not to exceed state maximum); Move-In Assistance (security deposit, utility deposit, etc.); and Damage Claims (not to exceed \$2,000 over the security deposit).

IMPORTANT NOTICE

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Fair Housing Foundation – (562) 989-1206

Management Certificate Training: Explains state and federal fair housing laws, discusses state and federally protected classes, advertising guidelines, and how to prevent allegations. August 13, 2018

To RSVP to an event, visit http://www.fairhousingfoundation.co m/10/2017/calendar.html. These events are held free of cost.

Charging Rents



Did you know that it is illegal to charge more rent for HUD-assisted units than you do for non-HUD-assisted units? The regulation requires the Housing Authority to certify that the rent charged to the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) tenant is not more than the rent charged for other assisted comparable units. This

language is on the Request for Tenancy Approval (RFTA) that you sign when you turn in the owner's packet. Please keep this regulation in mind when you are determining your rent amounts. Should you have any questions regarding this regulation, please contact the Housing Authority at (562) 570-6985.

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